

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 885

"TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION
IN THIS STATE."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 885.

Amend Senate Bill No. 885 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 10, delete "HIGHER EDUCATION" and substitute "HIGHER EDUCATION
FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE
AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THIS STATE."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"WHEREAS, in recent years, due to the rising costs of higher education,
state-supported colleges and universities in Arkansas have increased
undergraduate tuition rates and fees by an average that is greater than the
rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, higher education's growing reliance on funding budgets from
tuition is causing an increasingly disproportionate financial burden on
students and their families; and

WHEREAS, a study is needed to identify the factors influencing the
affordability of higher education in this state and to seek ways to address
the rising cost of tuition, fees, and other student costs,

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate Committee on Education study issues relating to the
affordability of an undergraduate education in this state, including without
limitation the:



- (1) Tuition-setting policies of state-supported two-year and four-year colleges and universities;
- (2) Resident and nonresident tuition, all student fees, student room and board costs, and other student costs for undergraduate students attending a state-supported two-year or four-year college or university;
- (3) Reasons for rising tuition rates, student fees, cost of textbooks, and other student costs;
- (4) State's share of funding higher education costs; and
- (5) Methods for addressing rising higher education costs."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Jeffress

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Secretary